



THE MAILBOAT



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The Town of Malabar got its 1st official Post Office and name on December 24, 1883 when R.A. Ward was named Postmaster by President Chester A. Arthur. Two times a week, the boat that travelled down the intracoastal waterway from Jacksonville, would deliver the mail to the palmetto shack post office along the river bank at Malabar. The mail was dumped on the counter for the population of 25 to shuffle through. With the coming of the railroad, in 1893, the mail boat was no longer needed.

Good Bye to 2017 — Hello to 2018

Mayor's Mailboat Message

I can't believe the year 2017 has passed by so quickly! We all survived hurricane Irma and this year's record rainfall fairly well.

Malabar had its first district only voting for District's 4 and 5. Congratulations to our newest council member Danny White and also congratulations to Dick Korn on his re-election. I would like to thank Rich Kohler for his 2 years as the District 5 council member and the best of luck in his future goals.

I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Holiday Hours for Town Hall

The Town Hall office hours will be abbreviated over this Christmas Season.

The Town Hall will be closed from December 22, 2017 through January 1, 2018.

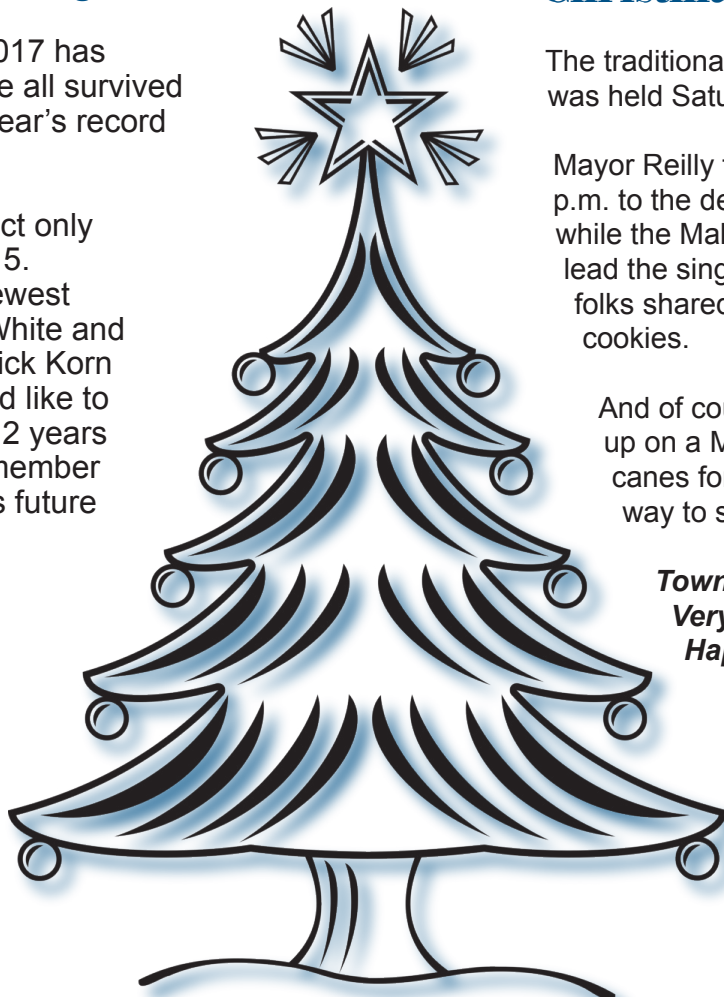
Christmas Tree Lighting

The traditional Christmas Tree lighting was held Saturday, December 9th.

Mayor Reilly flipped the switch at 6:00 p.m. to the delight of all in attendance while the Malabar First Baptist Church lead the singing of seasonal songs and folks shared warm cider and holiday cookies.

And of course, Santa Claus showed up on a Malabar fire truck with candy canes for the children. What a fun way to start the Holiday Season!

***Town Staff Wish you all a
Very Merry Christmas and a
Happy, Healthy New Year***



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Voting in the Town of Malabar

My experience voting in the town of Malabar has been pleasant and uneventful. I have never had to stand in line for very long, and the people who run the polling place have always been helpful and respectful. Since 2003, I have voted in the same single Malabar voting place: The First Baptist Church.

There have been changes in our voting method, and some may not understand them. Last year, the ballot in Malabar included a referendum question:

Question 2. Amendment to Section 2.02 of the Charter Relating to the Election of the Town Council Members Shall Section 2.02 of the Charter be amended to change how the town council members are elected from “at-large” to being elected from the district in which the candidate resides?

The response selection was Yes or No. The results show that 63.14% of the people voted Yes.

I may be wrong, but the effects of this decision may be a little more significant than people realized when they voted for it. The five district boundaries had to be changed somewhat to allow for relatively equal populations among them. You may have noticed that you are in a different district from last year, and this why. Concurrently, the single precinct 301 that covered the entire town has been divided into 5 precincts, one for each district. Town Council

contests for districts 1, 2 and 3 are held on even years, and contests for districts 4 and 5 are held on odd years.

Because of the results in the 2016 election, a new polling place has been established for the precincts that correspond to districts 1, 2 and 3. Next year, people in these districts will vote at Iglesia Cristiana Elohim Church at 2170 Malabar Road. As a citizen, I want people to know that this new district-by-district voting method will require two teams of poll workers per municipal election, where we have only required one team in the past. This will roughly double the costs required to run each municipal election. The supervisor of elections office estimates that the municipal election in 2015 Cost Malabar \$3,747. The estimate for Malabar’s cost for the election we just had is \$3,382.

I might think this new election method is a good idea for future growth if I saw an indication of an impending population explosion in Malabar. I might also think well of it if we were falling behind on customer service at our single polling place, but I do not see either of these happening.

In my opinion, the change we decided upon last year results in an election process that is a little more complicated, a little more divisive, and costs roughly twice as much. I do not see that this will benefit our town now or in the near future.

~Hans Kemmler
Town of Malabar

Malabar Business Spotlight

Malabar is a small town, but it is proud to embrace over 80 businesses within its 11 square miles. Each newsletter will focus on one of Malabar’s business establishments.

Callagy Tire is proud to call the town of Malabar home since being founded in 1979 by father and son, Gene and Mike Callagy. For the last 38 years, Callagy Tire has been family owned and operated by 3 different generations right here in Malabar. The late Gene Callagy even served as mayor of the town of Malabar in the 1980s as well as lived for many years off one of Malabar’s most beautiful streets, Rocky Point.

Callagy Tire started from humble beginnings in a small building off US 1 and Malabar Rd. The business relocated within town limits and moved in 1988 to its current location off Babcock St.

Recently we spoke with owner Mike Callagy about having and maintaining a positive reputation within the local community. Mike stated, “We strive to keep our reputation as a shop that is known for honesty and integrity throughout the local community.” Mike also explained “On numerous occasions a customer has come to us with an extensive list of needed repairs from the dealer or

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Clerk's Corner

The FallFest event on November 18th was well attended and everyone had a good time. We will try and get back on track with a SpringFest on April 14th of 2018. Please mark your calendars to either be a vendor, participant or attendee!

Many of our Local Businesses paid to be sponsors of the T-shirt that was sold during FallFest 2017. SpringFest 2018 will have another T-shirt so be sure to buy one and keep your collection up to date.

Looking back over 2017 many things stand out:

- Redistricting to set up single district voting as approved by voters in 2016
- The adoption of an ordinance to allow Malabar Council to maintain some control over regulating communication infrastructure within Malabar
- The opening of Route One Motor Sports at 1300 Highway 1. They relocated north from their rented facility in Grant. We wish them all the best in the upcoming years and thank them for choosing Malabar for their business.
- The Elohim Church at 2170 Malabar Road has been completed and we welcome them into the community. They will also host Malabar's second Polling location within

the Town of Malabar. They will provide the polling place for Precincts 325, 326 and 327 in November, 2018.

- AAA Malabar Storage also completed an addition and are in the process of improving a previously unaccepted but used dirt road. His business and the new road improvements are more welcome additions to Malabar.
- Council approved the paving of Eva Lane and the initial work has already begun.
- Council has committed to encouraging commercial development along the arterial corridors believing it will generate needed ad valorem while protecting the interior rural residential character that Malabarians have always enjoyed.
- Stormwater projects have been ongoing and will continue under the authorization of this seated Council.

From all the Employees of the Town of Malabar – we wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



Business Spotlight (con't from page 2)

other shop, once we did our own assessment of the vehicle in many cases the vehicle didn't need all of the repairs the other shops claimed that were needed."

When asked, what has motivated him after all these years to continue to serve the local community, "I couldn't have done it all alone. We have been lucky to have so many great employees doing quality work throughout the years." In fact, 8 of the 12 current employees have a decade or more of service with Callagy Tire, "that kind of employee retention in this industry is unheard of these days."

Mike and along with few employees and close friends spend their personal time serving the community helping every Christmas and throughout the year with the local charity Toys for Kids, founded by local celebrity Timmy V. Mike added "What is so great about Toys for Kids is that all the donations given stay right here in our community." If you are interested in donating any unopened toys, Callagy Tire accepts donations year-round and helps distribute them out around Christmas time.

Callagy Tire is located at 6625 S. Babcock St, Malabar, Florida and is open from Monday-Friday 8am-5pm and open Saturday from 8am-12pm.

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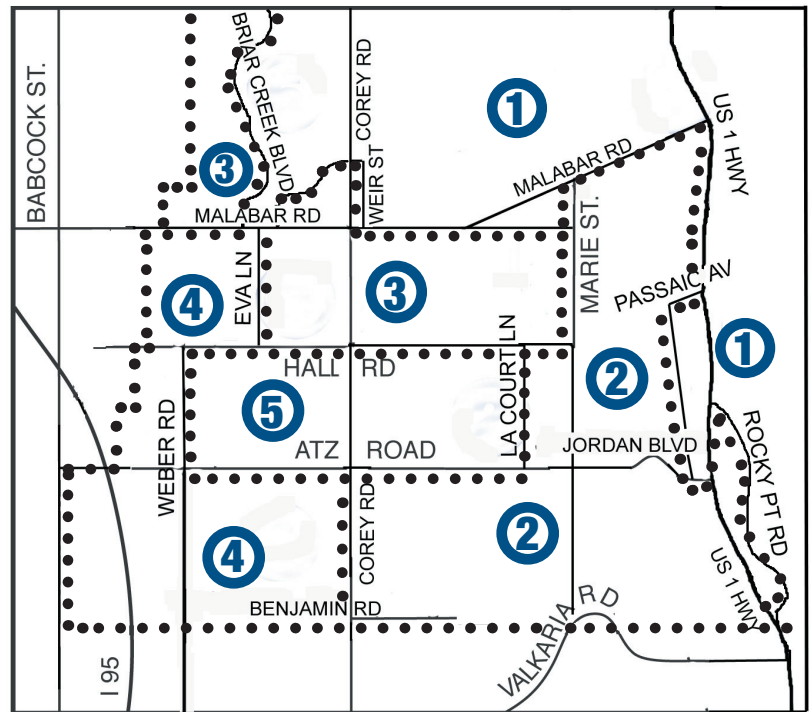
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